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ACPS Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 9844 2757.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Andersons Creek Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Andersons Creek Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Andersons Creek Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Andersons Creek Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Andersons Creek Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are in school colours, e.g., skivvies or leggings.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear excessive jewellery to school. They are asked to keep jewellery to a minimum, for example, stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Nails should be cut short and kept smooth.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW. Parents may visit the store at Unit 8A, 51 Lusher Road, Croydon, 3136 or directly from their website, https://www.psw.com.au/.

Andersons Creek Primary School also has second-hand uniforms available to purchase. This is run by volunteer parents and opening times will be communicated via Compass.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: https://www.ssr.net.au/

Andersons Creek Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Andersons Creek Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Andersons Creek Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

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COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- ACPS SunSmart Policy
- ACPS Parent Complaint Policy
- ACPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	Education Subcommittee and School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	October, 2029

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APPENDIX A: ANDERSONS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper
Navy bomber jacket with school logo
Navy polar fleece with school logo
Navy hooded windcheater with school logo

Polo shirts
Navy long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts
Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Socks or tights/stockings
Navy blue or white socks
Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear
Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)
Navy Blue Puffa Jacket with school logo

Headwear
Blue and white headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses
Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts
Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Pants
Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

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Dresses
Winter box pleat tunic
Winter box pleat skirt

Beanie
Custom jacquard beanie with pom pom and school brand

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April
Navy safety slouch hat without decoration or brand name
Navy microfibre hat without decoration or brand name

Sports uniform
Navy or white polo top with navy blue shorts/skirt/skort.
There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as football and basketball. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.

Bags
Navy backpack with school logo
Navy swim bag without decoration or brand name